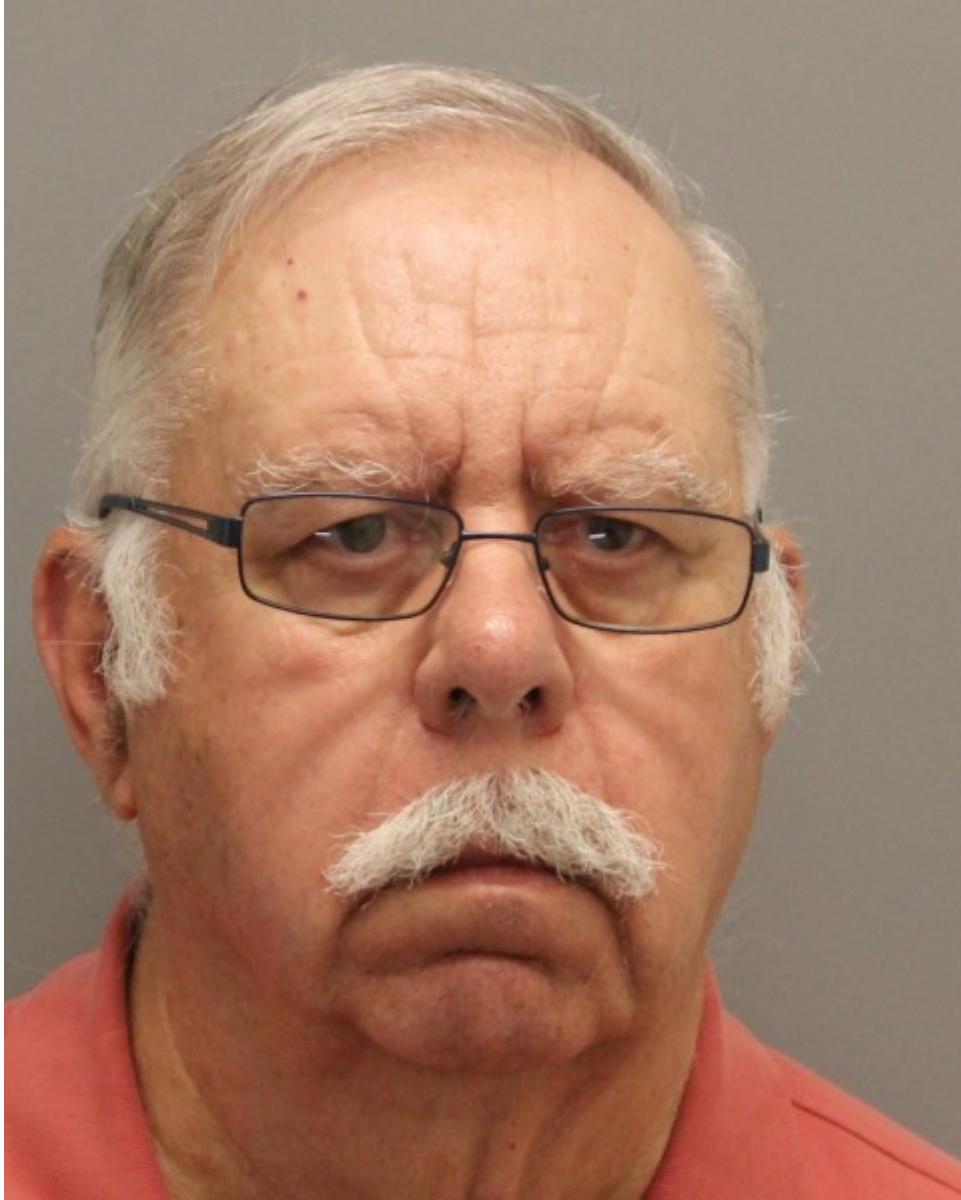


Hartly Man Arrested on Sexual Abuse Charges



John A. Metheny Sr.

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Hartly – The Delaware State Police have arrested a Hartly man following an investigation into an alleged sexual abuse complaint.

The investigation began on May 15, 2017 when a 17-year-old female victim contacted Troop 3 in Camden to report a series of sexual assaults that had been occurring since November of 2016. The victim advised **John A. Metheny Sr**, 72 of Hartly, had been continuously groping her breasts and buttocks on numerous occasions while the two were alone at different locations. A few of those incidents occurred while the two were out of sight from other people at the Hartly Fire Company located at 2898 Arthursville Road. Each time, the 17-year old victim would inform Metheny of her displeasure in him touching her and tell him to stop.

On Wednesday June 7, 2017, John Metheny turned himself in to detectives at Troop 3 and was charged with Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child. He was arraigned at JP11 and released on \$30,000.00 unsecured bond.

Because of the sensitivity of this case, and in consideration of the victim, only limited information will be released.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll-free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov.

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